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by: Debbie Williams

Balance Sheet--As of February 29, 2004

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FTB—Money Market	52,579.41
First Texas Bank (FTB)	
Youth Activities Fund	1,610.15
Memorial Library Fund	1,207.58
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
Coin's for A's	2,339.96
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	<u>16,717.69</u>
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	<u>22,875.38</u>
Total Checking/Savings	75,454.79
Other Current Assets	
CD—Lone Star Capital Bank	50,000.00
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>155,505.79</u>
Total Assets	<u>155,505.79</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	159,268.89
Net Income	<u>-3,763.10</u>
Total Equity	<u>155,505.79</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>155,505.79</u>

2004 TNA DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

If you have not paid your dues this year, now is the time to do it! According to the TNA By-Laws, the official deadline is by April 1st of the year. This copy of the newsletter may not have reached you by this date; but please remember there is a reinstatement process. Dues for Regular Members are \$17.00/year, Associate Members \$6.00/year and Junior Members \$8.00/year. Dues are payable to the Secretary's Office, Attention: Hal Cherry, TNA Secretary, P.O. Box 852165, Richardson, Tx 75085-2165 – phone number: 972/234-6996 – e-mail address: halcherry@msn.com.

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

Come Join Us in Fort Worth!

By the time you get this, we will be about six weeks away from the TNA convention and show in Fort Worth. I encourage you to make plans to attend. The experience is extremely worthwhile and it will be a decision you will not regret. The show itself will have almost 200 dealer tables with dealers from all over the country specializing in coins, currency and any other type of numismatic material you can desire. Multiple opportunities for buying, trading and selling will come about. There will also be educational exhibits, seminars and other displays to pique everyone's interests and tastes. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will attend which is always a neat experience. There will be a grading service and a supply store. There will also be a youth auction for all kids on Saturday.

Besides attending the show, I encourage you to get involved. There are a couple of ways you can do that, besides normal volunteering, by placing an exhibit and/or donating to the youth auction. Ralph Ross is serving as exhibit chair again and he has details on how to place an exhibit in this newsletter. Also, Russell Prinzing needs as many donations as he can for the youth auction. He also has more details on this in the newsletter.

Two pieces of news from the numismatic front. The Mint has tentatively announced that production of the Texas State Quarter will begin on May 3rd of this year and it will be released to the Federal Reserve System and bag and roll sales will begin on June 1st. The ceremonial launch is set for June 7th and 8th and the first day coin cover is set for June 28th Feb. 5th 2004. Also, I read that the first of the new nickels is now in production. Be looking at your change for these!

I do want to apologize for this newsletter. For two reasons, it does not meet my standards for a quality product our members deserve. First, I simply had no original articles to run. Please help me with this for the next newsletter and submit me an article. I will help you write it if you supply me the facts. Secondly, and most personally, I apologize that many things that require me to type them by hand did not make it in, most notably some of the club reports. I was recently diagnosed with a ruptured disk in my cervical spine that will require surgery. This will be done by the time you get the newsletter, but the result before surgery is that my right hand is numb and the pressure on the nerve by the disk keeps me in pain so that I cannot use a keyboard for any length of time. I apologize for this and hope to have that remedied by the next edition.

If you would like to submit something to the News, I welcome your input by:

May/June Issue

May 7, 2004

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: HAL CHERRY

Welcome to new Regular Members numbers **R-6540**, **R-6541** and **R-6543** through **R-6547**. Also Junior Member **J-6542**, Taylor Cook. No objections were received and these applicants became active members on March 1, 2004.

The following Regular Members have converted their membership to Life memberships. Congratulations to:

LM-193 – Richard Gilbert

LM-194 – Kenny Duncan

LM-195 – James Halperin

LM-196 – James Turpin

LM-197 – Glenn Woods

Associate Member Dail Stone **R-4519** transferred to Regular membership.

The following individuals have had their membership to TNA reinstated by payment of the current year's dues. Welcome back to:

J-6019 – Callie Landwehr

J-6078 – Chad Landwehr

The following have applied for membership. If no written objections are received from the membership, they will become members on May 1, 2004.

J-6548 – Katherine Phillips, Texas, Sponsor: Gary Hill

J-6549 – James Phillips, Texas, Sponsor: Gary Hill

A-6550 – Aliee Turpin, Texas, Sponsor: James Turpin

R-6551 – Jerry Adams, Texas, from the Internet

R-6552 – Doug Fields, Texas, Sponsor: Barbara Williams

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2004 DUES ARE DUE : If you have not paid your dues this year, now is the time to do it! The official deadline is by April 1; but if this Newsletter does not reach you by then, there is a reinstatement process. Dues are paid through the Secretary's office.

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS: If you have misplaced your permanent life membership card, you can obtain a replacement for \$6.00 Please advise the Secretary's office if you need a new card.

VIP AWARD LEADERS to date for 2004 are: Paul Garner and Gary Hill.

PLEASE NOTE: TNA Newsletter mailing labels are generated from the Secretary's membership data base so if you have an address change, please send this information directly to the Secretary's office! Notifying the Editor only delays the process as he must resend the information on to the Secretary for updating the records and data base.

MEMBERSHIP AGE RESTRICTIONS REMOVED: At the December 13, 2003 Board Meeting, the By-Laws were changed to remove any minimum age restrictions from both the Junior Member and Life Member categories. The previous minimum age had been nine years.

2004 TNA SHOW SET FOR FT WORTH MAY 14, 15, 16, 2004

The 46th annual Texas State Coin Show will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15, and 16, 2004 in the Amon Carter Center, in the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, Texas. This is the same location as the three previous years at 3401 West Lancaster, off I-30 and University Drive.

Dealer set up is Thursday afternoon, May 13, with the show being open to the public at 9:00AM on Friday, May 14. Tables are still available and can be obtained through the Bourse Chairman, Mike Grant, P.O. Box 171719, Arlington, Texas 76003-1719, phone – 817/274-5971 or 817/496-2388.

In addition to 195 tables, there will be Numismatic Supplies for sale and a Grading Service available. Other activities will include both competitive and educational exhibits, educational seminars, a raffle for gold coins donated by Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Dallas, Texas, a youth auction, a book auction, door prizes, and TNA medal sales. There is free parking at the Center, 24 hour security and early bird badges will be available.

GOLD COINS BEING RAFFLED AT TNA SHOW

Six (6) gold coins are being raffled at the 2004 TNA Convention and Coin Show being held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15 and 16, 2004 at the Amon Carter Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

The grand prize is a U.S. \$5.00 Liberty Head gold coin. There will also be



five (5) 1/10th ounce U.S. gold bullion coins given as prizes. These prizes were generously donated to the TNA by Heritage Numismatic Auctions of Dallas, Texas. Heritage can be contacted at 3500 Maple Avenue, 17th floor, Dallas, Texas 75219-3941, or at 800/872-6467.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, with six (6) tickets being offered for \$5.00, thirteen (13) for \$10.00 and twenty-eight (28) for \$20.00. Tickets can be obtained from your District Governor or from: Lawrence Herrera

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Any unsold raffle tickets will be available at the show.

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TNA MEDAL



This years TNA Medal was designed by TNA Medals Officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas. The obverse features Erastus "Deaf" Smith, chief scout at the Battle of San Jacinto. He was born in Dutchess County, New York on April 19, 1787 and died in Richmond, Texas on November 30, 1837. A childhood disease caused damage to his hearing, which resulted in deafness. In 1821, Smith came to Texas and settled near San Antonio. In 1822 he married a Mexican widow, Guadalupe Ruiz Duran and the couple had four children. As tensions between the Texans and the Mexican government grew, Smith chose to join Austin's army where he took part in the battle of Concepcion on October 28, 1835. He participated in the siege of Bexar, where he guided Col. Francis Johnson's troops into town. He served as messenger for William B. Travis, carrying Travis' letter from the Alamo on February 15, 1836. His experience as a scout and his knowledge of Spanish made him a valuable asset to the Texas army. At San Jacinto, General Sam Houston ordered Smith to destroy Vince's bridge. This made it difficult for Santa Anna to receive reinforcements, as well as to retreat and regroup. After the fall of the Alamo, Houston ordered Smith and Henry Karnes to San Antonio to gather information. Smith returned with survivors Susanna and Angelina Dickinson to General Houston's camp. Erastus played a major role in the fight for Texas Independence. To honor his service, Sam Houston commissioned artist Thomas Jefferson Wright to paint a portrait of the famous scout of the Texas Revolution. The Republic of Texas issued a five dollar note featuring a bust of Erastus "Deaf" Smith and Deaf Smith County was named in his honor. The Texas Numismatic Association logo is depicted on the reverse of the medal.

Orders may be placed by contacting Frank Galindo, TNA Medals Officer at PO Box 12217, San Antonio, TX 78212-0217. Single bronze medals are \$4.00 postpaid. Medal sets (one bronze and one silver) are \$31.00 per set and \$3.50 for postage, insurance and handling. Make checks or money orders payable to TNA.

Attention TNA Educational Exhibitors:

It is now time to consider your TNA educational exhibit for the 46th Annual Texas Numismatic Association Coin Show in Fort Worth, Texas. I would like to invite you to exhibit at the show. Please write me for an exhibit application. It is not too late to put together an educational exhibit for the '2004 TEXAS STATE COIN CONVENTION'. Education is a very important part of our hobby and exhibiting is a way to express (display) your particular interest in a specific numismatic category. I challenge each and every one of you to put together a NCW exhibit in April and bring it to the TNA show in Fort Worth in May. Are you up to the challenge? The National Coin Week theme for the year 2004 is "**DISCOVER THE WORLD OF MONEY**" focusing on the stories about coins; the people, places and objects depicted on money; and the many collectors, past and present, who collected and study coins. Please contact me at: Ralph Ross, 3302 Williams Glen Drive, Sugar Land, Texas 77479-2443. Phone—(281) 980-0971. Email- coinmanross@aol.com

TNA BOOK AUCTION

By: Helen Snider

TNA Book Auction Chairman

We have had quite a few offers of numismatic literature for the TNA Silent Book Auction which will take place at the Convention in Ft. Worth. We can always use more. So----look over your own library and bring us some books, catalogs, or other material. Your donations will benefit TNA and will be appreciated by the auction bidders. Just bring your books to the show on Friday, May 14, or contact me if you need to make other arrangements for getting them to the show. See you there! Helen Snider, Chairman, TNA Book Auction (956) 607-6999 or email - hj631tex@aol.com

SUPPORT THE TNA YOUTH PROGRAM

Last May, almost 100 kids participated in the free coin auctions. Competition was brisk for the 200 numismatic items on display. These auction lots were provided by donations from coin dealers, coin clubs, collectors and the TNA.

This year auctions will be held on Saturday, May 15th at 11 AM and 2 PM. We are again challenged with accumulating enough numismatic items to produce a successful event. If this sounds like a plea for donations – you better believe it. Last year's event completely depleted every auction item, so we're starting over.

If we hope to continue the program, we need support. Please mail your donations as soon as possible so they may be processed as they arrive. Please don't wait until May – that doesn't work. (Almost anything related to numismatics is acceptable. Most lots average about \$8 to \$12 each but lesser values can be combined.)

Call me at 817-656 2540 or E-mail yanos1@flash.net for more information.

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the future of our hobby!
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PROMOTING NUMISMATICS IN TEXAS

By: Gary Hill

On Saturday, Feb 14th, Gary Hill was invited to speak to the Grand Prairie, Tx Optimist International Organization at the Golden Corral restaurant. Even with 3 inches of snow, 15 members were present. Mr. Hill talked about what Numismatics encompasses, the Texas State Quarter and the TNA Coins For A's program. Mr. Hill also passed around Republic of Texas currency, several pieces of gold and a 100oz. bar of silver. This was followed by a lively question and answer period.

On Friday, March 14, 2004, Gary Hill has been invited to speak to 450 children between the ages of 7 and 13 at the Phillips Elementary School in Fort Worth, Tx. This will be a part of the school's Career Days relating to hobbies. Mr. Hill will promote the Fort Worth Coin Club and the Coins For A's program sponsored by the Texas Numismatic Association.

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1794-95 HALF DOLLAR FLOWING HAIR LIBERTY

In recent years, the half dollar has all but disappeared from the channels of U.S. commerce, becoming almost irrelevant to the nation's coinage system. That's a far cry from the role it played in America's formative years, when it had a significant function and carried exceptional weight. Its importance was underscored by the fact that in 1794, when U.S. silver coinage began, the half dollar was one of the first three denominations to be issued in that metal, along with the silver dollar and half dime.

Coinage in general was slow to get under way at the nation's first mint in Philadelphia. Congress passed the law authorizing the U.S. Mint and spelling out coin denominations and specifications on April 2, 1792 but the first copper coins didn't go into production until 1793, and more than two full years went by before the first silver coins emerged.

Part of the delay resulted from complications inherent in setting up a new mint. But, to a great extent, precious metal coinage was stymied by red tape of the government's own devising. In establishing the Mint, Congress had decreed that two key technical officers, the chief coiner and assayer would have to post bonds of \$10,000 apiece before they could work with gold and silver. The intent of this was laudable: to protect the American people from malfeasance. The effect, however, was crippling: The designated officers couldn't come up with the money, an enormous sum by 18th-century standards, so only copper coinage could proceed. Congress relented at length, lowering the bonds to more manageable levels, but only after Mint Director David Rittenhouse secured the intervention of Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, the Cabinet officer then in charge of the Mint. Chief Coiner Henry Voigt and Assayer Albion Cox thereupon posted their bonds of \$5,000 and \$1,000, respectively, and precious-metal coinage got under way.

Rittenhouse decided to suspend dollar coinage until a better press could be installed, a delay that would prove to be more than six months long. Meanwhile, however, pressure built from depositors who had left silver bullion with the government, expecting silver coinage in return. To meet this demand, the Mint began producing half dollars, delivering the first shipment of approximately 5,300 pieces on Dec. 1, 1794.

While their roles may have been different, the 1794 dollar and half dollar and, for that matter, the first half dime as well were identical in design. Congress had specified that the silver coins should carry a design "emblematic of Liberty," and Mint engraver Robert Scot had implemented this mandate with a right-facing portrait of a youthful female figure whose hair flowed freely behind her, hence the descriptive term "Flowing Hair." It's said the flowing hair was meant to signify freedom. LIBERTY appears above the portrait, with the date below and 15 stars along the sides, denoting the



number of states in the Union at that time. Seot's model for the obverse was a pattern 25 cent piece of 1792 designed by Joseph Wright, a Mint engraver who died of yellow fever in 1793. The coins' reverse depicts a small, spread-winged eagle perched upon a rock and surrounded by laurel branches. Along the border, encircling this is the



motto UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The half dollar's edge bears the inscription FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR, with decorations between the words. After completing the first production run of Flowing Hair half dollars, the Mint was poised to make more. But its rolling equipment broke down, so it couldn't flatten ingots to the proper thickness for coin blanks. Repairs took several weeks, and as 1794 drew to a close the Mint had at least six obverse dies on hand with that date. Rather than scrap them, it kept making 1794 half dollars in 1795. Only when all the 1794 dies became unusable did it start using dies dated 1795.

1796 HALF DOLLAR DRAPED BUST LIBERTY SMALL EAGLE

After just two years of production, 1794 and 1795, the Mint replaced the youthful Miss Liberty with a more mature and more sedate portrait, one that has come to be known as the Draped Bust type. To a great extent, this resulted from a change in leadership at the Mint. The first director, David Rittenhouse, resigned at the end of June, 1795, and his successor, Henry William DeSaussure, set out at once to improve the designs of all denominations, especially the silver pieces.

DeSaussure's jaundiced view of existing coin designs may have been formed, in part, by comments he heard from some of their vocal critics. Consider, for example, the following putdown of the Flowing Hair and small eagle portraits, which appeared in a letter from one Carlile Pollock to a certain General Williams of Salem, New York: "Nothing can be more wretched: an unmeaning fool's head on one side, and something that resembles a turkey cock on the other. Oh, shame, shame, shame! The Eagle of America mantling the arms of the United States, as we see it on the City Hall, would have been a dignified impression, and on the other side, if the President's head should be too aristocratic, a plough and a sheaf of wheat would be better than an Idiot's head with flowing hair, which was meant to denote Liberty, but which the world will suppose was intended to designate the head of an Indian squaw."

While some might disagree with the critics of the Flowing Hair design (many collectors today, in fact, consider it quite appealing), there can be no quarrel with the choice of an artist to fashion its replacement. At the urging, perhaps, of President George Washington himself, the Mint Director turned to famed portrait artist Gilbert Stuart. The latter reportedly used as his model a Philadelphia socialite widely considered to be the most beautiful woman of

her day: Mrs. William Bingham (nee Ann Willing). Stuart's drawing was transferred to plaster by a Providence, Rhode Island, artist named John Eckstein, and Mint Chief Engraver Robert Scot then executed the coinage dies. Contemplating the Flowing Hair motif in 1795, Stuart is said to have remarked that Liberty had "run mad," adding: "We will bind it up and thus render her a steady matron."

Like her more youthful predecessor, this matronly Liberty had stars alongside her. Curiously, though, the number of stars increased from 15 to 16 partway through the 1796 production year, after Tennessee was admitted to the Union as the 16th state, then dropped back to 15 in 1797. The reverse was similar to that of the Flowing Hair design, but slightly modified. The eagle became more graceful, less ungainly, and its

perch was moved from a rock to a cloud. Additionally, the branches were reworked and refined, with a palm branch now on the right and an olive branch on the left. As on the previous coinage, the inscription LIBERTY and the date appear on the obverse and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on the reverse. Lettering on the edge proclaims the statement of value: FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR.

For emphasis, the fraction 1/2 was added below the wreath.

Draped Bust half dollars with the small-eagle reverse were struck in only two years, 1796 and 1797, and in minuscule quantities, at that. The combined total for both years is just 3,918 (the Mint didn't break down the figures), as the Mint was concentrating on silver dollars and smaller silver coins at the time. No half dollars at all were made from 1798 through 1800, and when production resumed in 1801, the Draped Bust was mated with a new reverse featuring a heraldic eagle.

1801-07 HALP DRAPED BUST LIBERTY HERALDIC EAGLE

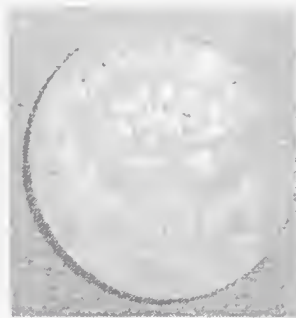
The start of the 19th century also marked a new beginning for U.S. half dollars. After a three-year hiatus, the large silver coins returned in 1801 with a new design: the Draped Bust/Heraldic Eagle type.

Thirteen stars surround Miss Liberty on the Draped Bust/ heraldic eagle half dollar. This represents a refinement of the earlier Draped Bust coinage, on which the number of stars varied from 15 to 16, depending on the number of states in the Union at the time. Rather than subject this element of the design to continual change, Mint officials settled on a number reflecting the 13 original colonies. The word LIBERTY appears above the portrait and the date below.

Thirteen stars also appear on the coin's reverse, arrayed above the eagle. Chief Engraver Scot modeled the heraldic eagle after the one on the nation's



Great Seal. Unaccountably, however, he reversed the positions of the arrows and olive branch held in the eagle's claws, placing the warlike arrows in the symbolically more important dexter (or right) claw and the olive branch of peace in the sinister (or left) claw, thereby contravening the Founding Fathers. A ribbon bearing the motto E PLURIBUS UNUM hangs from the beak, with UNITED STATES OF AMERICA around the upper rim. On the edge is the statement of value: FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR.



1807-36 HALF CAPPED BUST LIBERTY LETTERED EDGE

Design changes occurred with great frequency during the early years of U.S. coinage, and often they were triggered by a change in leadership at the Mint. So it was that Robert Patterson's arrival as the Mint's fourth director in 1806 set the stage for a shake-up in designs across the board.

Patterson not only saw the need for new designs but also had a man in mind to create them. His handpicked choice was a talented, young, German-born engraver named John Reich. The Mint Director appealed for authorization to hire Reich as a staff engraver, maintaining that "the beauty of our coins would be greatly improved by his masterly hand." His argument carried the day, and in 1807 Reich was hired for the less-than-princeely salary of \$600 per year, not much more than common laborers made at that time. Then again, Reich had little leverage: he had come to the United States as an indentured servant in order to escape the Napoleonic Wars.

Reich's redesign was truly comprehensive, encompassing every coin from the half cent through the half eagle, the lowest and highest denominations then being produced. His basic obverse design was a left-facing portrait of Liberty with curly hair tucked into a mobcap, a cap with a high, puffy crown. This likeness is often referred to as the "Turban Head" portrait. The reverse shows



a naturalistic eagle with a shield superimposed upon its breast. On the Capped Bust/lettered edge half dollar, the edge bears the statement of value: FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR. For good measure, the inscription 50 C. appears below the eagle.

Reich was widely accused of basing the buxom Liberty on his "fat mistress," though no confirmation of any specific model has ever been found. Whoever

she may have been (if indeed there was such a model), the Capped Bust coinage was clearly an improvement over the Draped Bust style.

During the 30-year lifespan of the series, Capped Bust/ lettered edge halves were issued every year with the single exception of 1816, when a major fire destroyed the Mint's rolling mills and forced it to suspend all silver coinage. Mintages routinely exceeded one million pieces a year, reaching a peak of more than 6.5 million in 1836, the final year. The low point occurred in 1815, when just 47,150 examples were struck.

1836-39 HALF DOLLAR CAPPED BUST LIBERTY REEDED EDGE

Across the Atlantic, the Victorian Age was about to dawn in England. Out west, the Alamo fell to a Mexican army led by Santa Anna. Then, less than seven weeks later, the Mexican general himself was vanquished at the Battle of San Jacinto, leading to the establishment of the new Republic of Texas. The year was 1836, and although world events moved at a slower pace than they do today, it was nonetheless a time of major developments both globally and domestically.

Significant change was likewise in the air at the United States Mint, where steam power made its debut that year. This technological innovation ushered in an era that would witness great improvement in the technical quality of U.S. coinage but, at the same time, a sharp reduction in individual coins' distinctiveness, the characteristic that many collectors find most appealing in the nation's earliest coins.

The Mint struck 1,200 half dollars on its new steam press in 1836, and these are now acknowledged to be the first U.S. coins made for circulation in this fashion. These half dollars, plus an additional 8,747,792 minted from 1837 to 1839, carried a modified version of the Capped Bust design used on the 50-cent piece since 1807. However, they are distinguishable at once, for whereas the earlier issues had lettering on the edges bearing their statement of value, the new coins had reeded edges.

In point of fact, the switch from lettered to reeded edges reflected not the capabilities of steam-powered coinage, but rather its limitations. Steam power enabled the Mint to produce coins more efficiently and with far greater uniformity, but these technical advances came at an aesthetic cost including a severe limitation on edge ornamentation. With a steam press, each coin blank had to be held in a single-piece restraining metal collar (in effect, a third die) at the moment the obverse and reverse dies imparted their images. Lettered-edge coins, by contrast, were made in open collars; this permitted the planchets to spread out slightly when they were struck and thus kept the lettering intact. In close collars, the lettering would have been squashed by the high compression. From that point on, the edges of coins would have to be either plain or vertically reeded, and the quaint edge lettering of early U.S. coinage was consigned to history's scrap heap.

Up until 1836, U.S. coins were made on screw presses. Workmen and animals, rather than steam, provided the power. During the nation's very early years, oxen and horses played a role; thereafter, the power came from men alone. It took five men to operate a typical screw press: two on each end

of a weighted iron bar and a fifth man seated in a recess in front of the press. The seated man would insert planchets and remove finished coins; meanwhile, his four co-workers would tug on leather straps attached to the iron bar. The bar, in turn, was attached to a heavy iron screw which drove an upper die down toward a lower one when the men on one side of the bar pulled it toward them. Then, when the men on the other side tugged on the bar, the screw and upper die were raised, and the seated man would remove the finished coin and insert a new planchet. Though primitive, this method was surprisingly productive: A good team of coiners could turn out several dozen small-size pieces per minute.

The first reeded-edge half dollars were very close in appearance to the Capped Bust halves that preceded them. The portraits of Liberty on the obverse and the eagle on the reverse were basically the same as those fashioned three decades earlier by engraver John Reich, but both sides also revealed subtle refinements by a new Mint engraver, Christian Gobrecht. Among other things, the 13 stars on the obverse were reduced in size, Liberty was slenderized, E PLURIBUS UNUM was removed, and the statement of value was modified: Instead of saying 50 C. like its predecessor, the new coin read 50 CENTS in 1836 and 1837 and HALF DOL. thereafter. In 1838, Gobrecht made other changes, using larger and heavier lettering and tinkering with details like the eagle's talons and feathers.

In 1839, Capped Bust halves gave way to Christian Gobrecht's Seated Liberty design, which enjoyed a run of more than half a century.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: Approximately 30 millimeters

Weight: 13.36 grams

Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper

Net Weight: .38658 ounce pure silver

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COMING NEXT EDITION: SEATED HALF-DOLLARS



Florida



Governor Jeb Bush unveiled the winning design for the Florida quarter at Union Bank, the state's oldest surviving bank building. Ralph Butler of Bayonet Point submitted the winning design "Gateway to Discovery," which highlights Florida's past with a Spanish galleon and Florida's future with a rendering of a space shuttle. The Governor was joined at the announcement by two former astronauts who now live in Tallahassee, Dr. Norm Thagard and Dr. Winston Scott.

"I am delighted by the overwhelming response we received from Florida's residents," said Governor Bush. "Our residents should be proud to know that citizens nationwide will soon be carrying a symbol of our state's history."

In April 2002, Governor Bush appointed a nine member Florida Commemorative Quarter Committee to review design submissions for Florida's quarter. More than 1,500 designs were submitted to the Governor's Office for consideration. In June 2002, the Governor selected the five designs that Floridians voted on to serve as the state's quarter. In 1845, Florida became the 27th state to be admitted into the Union. The voting process for the Florida quarter began on February 12, when Governor Bush kicked off the beginning of a three-week Internet voting period when he cast his vote for his favorite quarter design and then watched five area school children cast their votes. Florida's teachers, school children, residents and visitors alike were encouraged to take part in choosing the design that will grace the back of the state quarter. The voting period ended on March 5.

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COMING NEXT EDITION:
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Dealer set up is Thursday afternoon, May 13, with the show being open to the public at 9:00AM on Friday, May 14. Tables are still available and can be obtained through the Bourse Chairman, Mike Grant, P.O. Box 171719, Arlington, Texas 76003-1719, phone – 817/274-5971 or 817/496-2388.

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We are pleased to report that through Pat Curran, Governor, the International Coin Club of El Paso, Texas has agreed to host and cosponsor a mid winter TNA Convention in El Paso in 2005. We will be discussing dates, and other related items of interest at our board meeting. Additionally, the Smithsonian Institute was present with a lovely and rare display of currency at the Greater Houston Coin Club show in Houston in January. We are talking to Smithsonian Institute representatives about coming to the TNA Convention in the near future.

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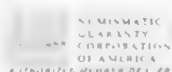
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August 7 Sherman , Texas 32 Tables

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August 28 San Antonio, TX 60 Tables

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Texas Coin Show at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Fri-2p-6p; Sat-9a-6p; Sun-9a-3p. Free parking. Police security. \$2.00 Admission. Gold prizes. Contact Ginger and David Pike, Box 261748, Plano, TX 75026-1748. Phone/Fax—(972) 964-5520. Email—TexasCoinShows@aol.com.

November 5-7 **Ft. Worth , Texas** **40 Tables**
Fort Worth Coin Club Show. Lockheed Martin Recreation Assoc. Facility. Between I-20 & I-30 on Bryant Irvin Rd. Contact Gary Andrews at (817) 444-5500.

November 20 **San Antonio, TX** **60 Tables**
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off IH-35 N. Open 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Admission \$1.00. Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes. Tables \$95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201 E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

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February 5 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
17th Annual Coin & Collectible Show, sponsored by the Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley. Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly. Free Admission and Door Prizes. Contact: Don Higgins, Show Co-chairman, Box 720785, McAllen, TX 78504. (956) 688-6922.

San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday 9a-5p. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. NE of San Antonio at IH35N and Loop 1604. Free Admission, parking and door prizes. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. Contact Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, 78212-0964. Ph (210)271-3429. email—retate@msn.com

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September 9

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August 27

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EDITOR'S NOTE--Send me your club reports, preferably by email and get your club's activities noticed and recognized!

DISTRICT IV

The club held its annual Christmas dinner at Hoovers Cooking Restaurant in Austin on December 16, 2003. The master of ceremonies was Club President, Francis Smith. LeLand Chase-Meadows proposed a toast to all the servicemen in Iraq and around the world. A moment of silence was then held for all those in need. There were 25 members and six guests to enjoy an excellent dinner with all the trimmings. The following officers have held their respective positions for the past four years and were each presented with a traditional Mexican two and one-half peso gold coin: Francis Smith, President; Robert Camp, Vice-President; Sylvia Chase-Meadows, Secretary/Treasurer; and Bryan Jones, Bourse Chairman. The members thank them for all their efforts that made the club a success. The 2004 officers were introduced: Bruce Burton, President; Bill Gillespie, Vice-President; Francis Smith, Secretary/Treasurer; and Bryan Jones, Bourse Chairman.

The door prizes were purchased from McBride's Coins and the Village Coin Shop in Austin. The door prize drawings with maxims were provided by Sylvia and LeLand Chase-Meadows. The club made its annual \$100.00 donation to the Travis County Sheriffs Department Brown Santa Program for the benefit of needy children at Christmas.

The club was organized in 1969 and will begin its 35th year. The club will hold its 32nd annual coin show on Saturday June 26, 2004 at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin. Monthly meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday instead of the third Thursday at the Austin History Center. Best Wishes for PEACE in 2004.

Francis Smith, Club Secretary/Treasurer

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Meeting of the January 2004 was called to order by President Kammer with 8 members present. Our short snorter was a 100 Australes banknote from Argentina. The Watermark and other security devices were noted.

New Business:

1. The Christmas party was good all around; good attendance, good food, and good service.
2. One of our members, Ike Bulba, recently passed away from Pneumonia. Dan will arrange for a card will be sent from the Club to the survivors.

Presentation by Gerry Kammer on So-Called Dollars Book - Hibler & Kappen-- U.S. Sesquicentennial Medal, BZ (designed by Albin Polasek?) Philadelphia 1926, reverse Liberty astride Pegasus. 1st exhibition with radios, talking pictures, sound amplification, electric refrigeration, comprehensive display of Diesel technology (Dempsey-Tunney bout)

Show and tell:

1. Gerry brought: unusual Roosevelt Dime with good thickness, but flat areas struck through grease?
2. Bruce brought: A large Copper medal of the 39th Encampment of G.A.R., Sept 1905, Pike's Peak
3. David brought: Error coins: 3 Lincoln cents with filled regions, including a filled 9 loop.
4. Tom brought: A 1904 Quarter Eagle PCGS graded AU
5. Rod brought: A 1892 Liberty (5 cent) elongated for the 1893 Columbian Exposition, and an Almanzar token from San Antonio
6. Marvin brought an ad to send off to get your picture on a silver American Eagle
7. A. Collectur brought a coupon designed like a satirical dollar bill from the Dollar Shop on 730 W. Stassney Ln. \$1.00 off on a \$10.00 purchase. Also a Tetradrachim of Ptolemy I of Egypt (323-284 BCE)
8. Palmer brought a 1/10 oz Gold American Eagle, and Error coins - off-center US cents

President Gerry Kammer called the Feb. 5th, 2004 meeting to order with 11 in attendance (1 is visitor from Austin club - Ronny). Our Short snorter - 50 Pyas Myanmar Security features include: MO watermark; Fine color gradations - olive, salmon, purple, and browns; Serial numbers printed in red in Burmese numerals

Gerry gave the program and it was more on So-Called Dollars, Updates on Valuations - Google search unsuccessful found only ebay pages citing book, the book itself is selling for \$90.

Show-and-tell: 1959 Colorado Rush to the Rockies Centennial Silver medal, Obv covered wagon, man on horseback, Rev. seal of the USAF Academy and official centennial emblem 10,000 pieces, sold out before 1959 Rod brought 1) Louisiana purchase 100th anniversary medal. Yellow bronze version? Obv Jefferson & Napoleon, Rev, map of us w/ Louisiana purchase (discussion of comparison of importance of Louisiana purchase versus Annexation of Texas)

2) 1914 Panama Canal completion 50,000 issued, nice but complex design

A. Collector brought:

1) Mexican Coins 1988, 1989 1000 pesos (revalued to 1 new peso) now worth about 9 cents. are they still legal tender?

2) Also a Spanish coin Silver 1163-1269, sometime in there, Moorish Spain, square coin with arabic writing. Nice! Some discussion of technology for striking a coin so well. Drop hammer or hand hammer and trimming?

Erin left her materials at School, so use your imagination. Mock Cursus

Honorum, when student (6th grade) reaches level of Consul, they get an ancient coin. Also made some coin stickers for the kids to keep track of their progress.

Tom - working on Type set (1907 series), brought MS 62's gold eagles, one single one double \$10 and \$20

Lane - Unusual slab collecting; Oddball Companies that have since disappeared.

1) Accugrade Photoslab Silver dollar 1881-S. Graded "A1-64e" supposedly comparable to MS65

2) "First token grading system". First Token Grading Service, "Our Union" small cent sized token MS60

3) Prototype of PCGS multicoin slab. 2000-S state quarters

Bruce brought books:

1) "Rare Coin Encyclopedia" by William von Bergen, 1905, Bruce describes this as "red book before the before the Red Book"

2) Houston Heritage Collection, National Bank Notes 1863-1935

Palmer brought:

1) Cambodian paper money 1972, large size, colorful 500 Riels

2) Canadian Holographic Silver \$20 bullion coin 2004 "Northern Lights"

3) 2003 Silver Maple Leaf Hologram set (5 coins) \$5-4-3-2-1

Some discussion on how the hologram is made.

Dan brought his Walking Liberty American Eagle Silver "Dollar" book with his latest: 2004

Roger brought:

1) a \$1 note from circulation - www.wheresgeorge.com and paid dues with it to put it back into circulation

2) \$1 bill double? error. spectacular black and green ink blotch.

3) \$10 National, Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of Louisville, KY. This has the highest charter number of all national bank notes-14320.

Cyn brought:

1) a really ugly large size US cent rescued from a junk box for the world's ugliest type set

2) two Netherlands Antilles coins, 1 cent Al, 10 cent 1996 Cu-Ni?

Pretty designs

3) Nepal small size Al coin error - Broadstrike

Gerry got to go again:

\$1 bills from change - two bills have paper that feels "heavy".

Counterfeit or different papers?

Roger says "normal wear"

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The January 15 meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney with 30 members in attendance. We were pleased to welcome Jan Schwenk, Bob Balderman, Peggy McClinton,

Ernest Oatman and Les Price as our guests. We look forward to seeing each of you again. Door prize winners were Gary Rollins and Bob Balderman. Lotto winners were Gary Rollins and Bobby Sullivan. Congratulations to the winners! Kent Driskill conducted a 53 lot auction with Tony Hales assisting. Adam Hamner brought some examples of U.S. military tokens used in place of coins in U.S. commissaries in Iraq. Adam also gave a presentation on German inflation currency (Notgeld) from the early 20's.

At our November meeting, Tony asked members to begin thinking about projects or donations for the club for 2004. Some of the ideas generated were a donation of numismatic books to a library or a numismatic display at a library. Sandy Smiley made a motion that a donation be made to St. James CME Church. The motion was seconded by Adam Hamner and carried with a majority show of hands. A \$100 donation will be made to St. James CME.

The February meeting was held at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney with 29 members in attendance. We were pleased to welcome Frankie Hicks, John McWilliams, David Harmon and Frank Butler as our guests. We look forward to seeing each of you again. Door prize winners were Bill Quiett, David Linacre and Frank Butler. Lotto winners were Gary Rollins and Kent Halland. Congratulations to the winners! Gary Rollins conducted a 50 lot auction with Tony Hales assisting. Adam Hamner received an ANA Certificate for his presentation on German inflationary currency.

Two samples of the new club shirt were shown. Beverly Groves graciously modeled the polo shirt for us. The club voted on navy blue as the color. The club logo is stitched on the shirt in light blue and silver thread. The shirts will cost about \$20 and the club will pay half the cost. Kim is now taking orders. If you wish to order a shirt, please contact Kim.

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

Vice President Stewart Huckaby called the January 15, 2004 meeting to order with 17 members and 3 guests present. Our guests were Michael Yawitz, Pat Haggerty, and Robert Schultz.

Treasurer David Swann reported we still did not have a final report from Jim Fitzgerald on the financial results of the 2003 Coin Show. David estimates we lost about \$320.00 on the show. He expects to have a complete financial report for the year 2003 at the February meeting and reported he will be shopping for good rates on our large CD which matures in March.

Secretary Hal Cherry gave a detailed report about our expectations for the 2004 Coin Show. Best case scenario would be an anticipated profit of about \$4,000.00 assuming all 72 tables are sold (only 60 were sold last year), and the block of 32 hotel room nights are sold to dealers. Other items that should increase our profit would be not buying a \$700.00 newspaper ad, charging an admission fee and also having a raffle this year.

While there was not a formal vote taken, Hal suggested that club members pay the \$2.00 admission fee to the show due to the overall financial situation and for the good of the cause. The agreement from the floor was that this

would be appropriate. This will be contingent on the Mid Cities Coin Club agreeing to do the same thing.

Hal pointed out that the Club "lost money" last year due to the lack of profit from the Coin Show and also the expense of our 75th Anniversary dinner. Our financial goal should be at least to break even on our income and outgo every year. He pointed out that the Christmas party cost the club approximately \$700.00 and that we should consider asking the members to pay for the meal next year. There were comments from the floor that the other area clubs all have some sort of financial contribution from their members for their Christmas parties. A final decision can be made later in the year, depending on any profits realized from this year's Coin Show.

It was also suggested that the Club defer on awarding an Educational Grant this year until after the Coin Show. Club members are encouraged in the meantime to provide service to the Club as needed in line with the ways that qualify them for the Educational drawing.

The \$25.00 refund check from the ANA for advertising our Club was finally received and Hal turned it over to the Treasurer for deposit.

The minutes of the last meeting were not formally approved; but there were no questions concerning them.

Vice President Huekaby in his report introduced tonight's speaker, Robert Schultz, and advised next month's program would be by Mike Ross on Unusual Medals.

Larry Herrera and Hal Cherry both attended the FUN Show in Orlando, Florida and displayed coins they had purchased there. Larry also passed around some photographs taken on the trip. Hal said the most unusual thing he saw was slatted Civil War advertising store cards.

Mike Grant had raffle tickets for our 2004 Coin Show which he sold and distributed. He announced that long time member, Kyle Redd, who does not get to attend many of our meetings, had called him and wanted 100 tickets to sell. Thanks, Kyle! The Club also purchased a block of raffle tickets which we will use as some of the door prizes the next two meetings.

David Kyser suggested we consider going back to charging 5% of the auction sales for the Club. The floor discussion was that the record keeping was too complex plus the amount of money we might realize, probably less than \$100.00 a year, would not significantly change our financial picture.

Hal Cherry presented a Past President's Medal to Larry Herrera for his services in 2003. He also presented Best Program for 2003 certificates to David Swann, Howard Ford and Larry Robertson. As Club members, David and Howard also received a numismatic prize from Stuart Huekaby.

There were 9 Club members eligible for and entered in the drawing for the Educational Grant. Last year's winner, Charlie Mead, drew the name of Hal Cherry. Hal is planning on attending the ANA Seminar in June of this year.

Robert Schultz gave the program on collecting United States Commemorative Coins accompanied by an informative pass out. During the early period of commemorative coinage, 1892 through 1954, there were more than 150 total coins. During the modern era, from 1982 on, there have

been over 100 coins. Aside from collecting all of the commemorative coins or all of a sub-type, such as half dollars, another approach is to collect by subject matter. Robert's subjects are Illinois, bears, the Civil War, Texas, and miscellaneous. For example, Illinois is his birth place so he has the Columbian, Lincoln Centennial, and Elgin half dollars. For bears, he has the Bay Bridge and San Diego halves and is shopping for the California Diamond Jubilee half. His conclusion is to pick a subject that appeals to you and have fun doing it!

Door prizes were won by Mike Cordell, Stewart Huckaby, Victor Toogood, Ben Hong, and Mike Grant.

There were 7 raffle prizes. The first two were won by Mike Grant and Stewart Huckaby. In a fascinating coincidence, the next 5 winning tickets drawn all belonged to the block purchased by Judy and Gary Dobbins! Congratulations, Judy and Gary.

Charlie Mead called the auction and 22 items were sold total of \$204.75.

The February meeting of the Dallas Coin Club was called to order by President Glenn Woods at 7:00PM and in spite of the limited response to his request for order, the meeting proceeded on anyway. There were 18 members and one guest, Mike Ross, present. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved without discussion. Vice President Stewart Huckaby announced the March program would be by Greg Rohan, President of Heritage Auction, on "Dealer's Operations". Programs are open for future months. Treasurer David Swann reported that we have 29 regular members and 2 junior members who have paid their 2004 dues. The final numbers on the 2003 Coin Show reflect we lost \$215.00. David also reminded everybody to pay their 2004 dues. ANA representative, Jim Jeska, reported the ANA had a new publication directed at new collectors, including kids, known as "Joys of Money". After discussion, the club voted to purchase 100 of these at a cost of \$15.75 for giveaways at our 2004 Coin Show. This cost should be considered a show expense and will be passed on to the show promoter. Secretary Hal Cherry advised that volunteers were needed for both the Club Show and the TNA Show. He pointed out that the club could receive around \$100.00 from the TNA Show for providing volunteers. Raffle tickets for both the Club Show and the TNA Show were available. He reported that the Mid-Cities Club had discussed having club members pay the \$2.00 admission fee for the Club Show but did not vote on it. John Post, who is a member of both clubs, and Secretary of the Mid-Cities Club will push them for a vote at the next meeting. The purpose of asking club members to pay the admission charge is simply another way to generate some income for both clubs. Hal also announced that the Club Show was being publicized in the trade newspapers and the TNA journal. Mike Grant and others reported that Show Chairman Jim Fitzgerald had announced at the Mid-Cities Club meeting last week that a little more than half of the 72 tables had been sold. Someone mentioned that it is not unusual for a lot of tables for these size shows to be sold at the last minute. Stewart Huckaby announced that Heritage Auctions has launched their "Coin Club Outreach"

program. One part is that they will have a Speakers' Bureau and when one of their speakers is scheduled at a coin club, they will use their database and send out an e-mail to the surrounding geographic area announcing the club meeting and the speaker. Stewart will identify the zip codes to use and it was discussed that all Dallas Metroplex zip codes should be included.

Cherry presented the ANA Club Speaker Certificates to the following individuals for programs they have presented over the past several months: Stewart Huckaby, Ben Hong, David Lisot, David Swann, Dr. Howard Ford, Mike Grant, and David Lang. Stewart Huckaby introduced Mike Ross who gave the evening's program on medals designed by Jacques Weiner. Weiner was a Belgium who lived in the 19th century. He designed numerous medals but is most famous for a series of 41 medals depicting both the exterior on the obverse and interior on the reverse of European cathedrals and churches. Mike displayed several of these medals from his collection. During Show and Tell, Mark Gee displayed a 1955 double die cent, Mike Grant a 1942 six piece proof set, and Glenn Woods an English Henry VI gold noble. Door prizes were won by Mike Yawitz, Glenn Woods, David Kyser, Mike Grant, Kathy Lawrence, Frank Clark, Stewart Huckaby, Ron Blaha, David Swann, and Mark Gee. Raffle prizes were won by Mike Ross (twice), Stewart Huckaby, John Post, Charlie Mead, and Glenn Woods. Glenn Woods called the auction and 23 items were sold for a total of \$151.00.

Respectfully submitted Hal Cherry Secretary

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The January 5 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club had 32 members and guests attending the meeting. Tim Conway noted about being time to pay membership dues for 2004. Tim Conway stated that John Evans has died, see note above. Tim Conway stated that the American Numismatic Association has sent the club a note about membership dues. Bob Bing announced the dates of the next Pasadena Coin Show, November 26-28, 2004. Tim Conway noted that the Greater Houston Coin Club's January meeting will be on January 8. This was changed because of the key keeper's schedule. Tim Conway and Sebastian Frommhold noted that the Greater Houston Coin Club's Money Show would be moved this year. The show is at the Greenspoint Show Place, in the Montgomery Wards store, Greens Road side. The program for tonight was Show and Tell. The following members presented a short program, Dennis Beasley, Jim Bevill, Bob Bing, Ginger Bing, Kelvin Conway, Tim Conway, Sebastian Frommhold, Bud Holton, Jack Pavlovic, Jesse Vaughan. Bud Holton won the Show and Tell prize.

The January 19 meeting had 25 members and guests attending. Tim Conway reminded the members, that it is time to pay membership dues for 2004. Tim Conway and Ed Stephens confirmed that April 24-25 would be the National Coin Week show at the Bellaire Civic Center. Ed Stephens noted that the club is looking a new chairman for the snack bar. Past volunteers from the August show, Tim Conway and Jim Bevill will handle the scout meet

badges. Michael Wolford will work the registration table. All these people and others will need your help, they never get to enjoy the show the way the public gets to enjoy the show. Please come to the show to help. Tim Conway noted that Bellaire City Council has requested a formal letter stating the donation planned for the Bellaire library. Gary Austin, Tom Bermel and Ed Stephens provided Florida United Numismatists show reports. This year is the show was in Orlando, next year the show will be scheduled for Fort Lauderdale. Jim Bevill, Tim Conway and Ed Stephens stated that this weekend is the Greater Houston Coin Club's Money Show. The only major change for the Money Show was the location. Tim Conway presented the program about getting storage folders and binders for coins, creating special sets.

The February 2 meeting had 32 members and guests in attendance. Tim Conway requested that the meeting needs more programs. Jim Bevill and Michael Doyle, volunteered to do a program. Tim Conway has sent a formal letter to send a large donation to the Bellaire library. The club has not received a response. Tim Conway has received the official permit for our signs for the National Coin Week show. Tim Conway and Ed Stephens stated the National Coin Week show is three quarters sold out. Tim Conway and Ed Stephens noted that David Burke has been updating the club's website. Tim Conway noted that the Pasadena Coin Club newsletter did not have space for the National Coin Week show information. Jim Bevill requested more National Coin Week show flyers for the area coin shops. Ron Sjoberg noted dealers wanted tables for the National Coin Week show. Jim Bevill and Tim Conway noted that the Bellaire Civic Center is the best location for our shows. Tom Cooper noted that the Greater Houston Coin Club has a reduced budget from the past few years. Tim Conway noted that the National Coin Week still needs a chairperson for the snack bar. Members have volunteered to work, but nobody wanted to replace Ron Miller. The members stated we should send a thank you note to everybody that help with the children's auctions. Someone also stated Michael Wolford and all show volunteers should get notes too. Jim Bevill and Tom Cooper suggested something to be done for John Evans, one of our favorite members that recently died. Tom Windsheimer asked if John Evans was a member of the American Numismatic Association. Ed Smith has started missing John Evans. Tonight, Ed started go to John's home for the meeting. The program for tonight was Show and Tell. The following members presented a short program, Tom Bermel, Ginger Bing, Tim Conway, Sebastian Frommhold, Bud Holton. The February 16 meeting saw 34 members and guests in attendance. The business meeting went quickly, so we can have plenty of time for Jim Bevill's program. Tim Conway announced there is a new Cherrypicker's Guide from J T Stanton. The original cost \$39.95 includes the book a disk update. The guide had a printing delay so check with Tim Conway. Tim has taken orders at the area coin clubs. Tim's scheduled deadline was February 20. Tim Conway noted that Jerry Clemons volunteered to do a program at a meeting. Tim sent all the information to David Burke, our web master. Tim forgot to

confirm with Jerry when to do the program. Jim Bevill presented the program about the Confederate States of America Half Dollars.

The following members went of to the Bellaire City Council meeting on February 16, after the regular coin meeting. Mary Alford, Bellaire Librarian; Jim Bevill, Texas Numismatic Association Governor; and Tim Conway, Bellaire Coin Club President. Other members attending were Jodie Bevill, Brian Holland, and Michael Wolford. Mary Alford noted that if the check was under thousand dollars, it could have been presented at the library. While we were waiting outside of the chambers during the City Council meeting. Jodie Bevill took pictures of the check, with all members attending. Mary Alford helped Tim Conway with the correct way to present the check. Then more pictures of Mary, Jim and Tim with the check. Then in the chambers, Tim Conway went forward stated that we wanted to give a donation for the purchase of circulating material for the adult and juvenile collections within the subject of collectibles, antiques, and fine art. The council unanimously voted yes to give the check to the library. Jodie and Mary took pictures of Tim Conway presenting the check to the Bellaire City Council. The check was in the amount of one thousand dollars



DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

Submitted by: Gober Pitzer - TNA Governor # 9

The South Plains Coin Club meeting was called to order at 7:00 January 20 2004 by president Ben Cave. There were 22 members present and 5 guest.

The minuetts of the December meeting were read and approved. It was noted that there should be nominations for officers and Board members. There was a motion that the 3 year term for officers be changed to an unlimited term.

The motion was seconded and passed. It was noted that the board members would form a nomination committee before The February meeting. Ben Cave asked for volunteers to help with the show in March. Ed Chauncey conducted the auction to close the meeting.

The February meeting of the South Plains Coin Club was called to order at 7.00 with 26 members present. The elections were held and the results are:

Arlin Hilton: President - Lynn Parker: Vice President - Greg Cronholm:

Secretary- Ed Channcey: Treasurer and Jimmy Jones was voted in as board of director There was a discussion about the upcoming show Herman

Jacobs volunteered to take care of advertising. Barbara Pitzer volunteered to take care of the food and meals during the show. Gober Pitzer and Marty Parker have volunteered to take care of the wiring and show setup. After a short break, Ed Chauncey conducted the auction to close the meeting

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The January 27th meeting of the Lamb County Coin Club was called to order by Vice president David Keithly in the absence of president Ernest Mills. Gober Pitzer reported on TNA and reminded members that TNA dues were due by March. There was a motion that the club buy TNA raffle tickets to be given away as door prizes. The motion was seconded and Gober said he would have them by the next meeting. Lamonte Pitzer Brought a scrapbook from the Levelland Coin Club that was very interesting. Lamonte also brought some coins and currency for the members to look at. After a brief trading session the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

The February meeting of the Lamb County Coin Club was called to order with 6 members present. Harvey Miller read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved. Treasurer Larry Sanderson gave a treasury report. After a round table discussion Sherry Keithly showed her collection of Australian silver coins. The meeting was adjourned after a trading session.

Submitted by: Gober Pitzer - TNA Governor District 9

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

The golden spread coin club met on February 2, 2004. Minutes & Treasures reports were approved. The club went over the floor plans of the up coming coin show on August 14 & 15, 2004. We decided to have one security guard on duty during the show. Then have 2 guards during set up tear down. We will spend \$80.00 on advertising in Coin World. We decided to go ahead & purchase the \$20.00 Saint-Gaudens & the 1/10 oz. Gold Eagle for the door prizes. Doug Hershey will contact TNA & ANA about insurance for the show. Committee heads were appointed for the coin show. Diane Morie will plan picnic for the club sometime this summer. David Cass gave a program on the new nickels.

The golden spread coin club had our March meeting on March 2, 2004. The minutes & treasures report were approved. It was noted that silver had really gone up in the last 60 days. Doug Hershey will contract for the insurance for the show. Tommy will come up with a \$20.00 gold piece. Neela will sell the club a 1/10 oz gold coin. The quilt club wants to borrow our electric supplies that we use for our show. Tommy Miller was given permission to loan that equipment out if he wanted to. We decide to renew our CD's. We will do some more checking on our security for the show. We have 36 tables sold for the show already. John Goodman gave a real good program on counterfeit coins.

DISTRICT XII

Well, I've done it! I purchased Teddy Roosevelt Galleries from Mrs. Sue Syler at the end of January. I will be renaming the shop to Texican Coin & Bullion Company. The address is 100 Independence Place, Bank One Bldg, Suite 316, Tyler, Texas 75703. Phone and fax numbers are 903-561-6618. It's just across the street from the Broadway Square Mall. I plan to carry a full line of coins, bullion, investment items, supplies, Rolex watches, scrap gold and silver, etc. I will be able to service all aspects of collecting, from the beginner to the advanced collector. Stop by and see me if you are in Tyler.

TOM BENNINGTON--DISTRICT XII

DISTRICT XV

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

We had a fantastic turnout at our January 5th meeting including 4 visitors. We had a second-time visitor, John Fisher, who joined our club. Welcome aboard John. Our first-time visitors included Daisy Dutton, Tina and George Wheateroft. Ray Gannaway's wife, Flo, graciously declined her free 1-year membership that she was awarded at our December Banquet and donated it back to the Club. Thank you Flo for your generosity! Committees were assembled for the 2004-year. The new committee members are as follows:

Nominating Committee – Ray Gannaway, Joe Scott, Carol Broussard.

Awards Committee – Jerry Williams, Barbara Williams, Betty Scott.

ANA Representative – Barbara Williams.

TNA Representative – Carlton Simmons.

National Coin Week Committee – Shirley Pearson, Joe Scott.

Membership Committee – Tracie Updike.

Show Committee – Carlton Simmons, Morgan Alleman.

Auction Committee – Tracie Updike, Barbara Williams, Jerry Williams.

Christmas Committee – Carol Broussard, Tracie Updike.

The program of the month for January was a video called "The Money Story" from the TNA Memorial Library. The video covered information on the United States Mint and The Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The first half of the video described the history of money and how it has changed from animal skins and stones to precision pieces of precious metals. Next month we will watch the second half of the video on the minting process.

The February 5th meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club had twenty-two in attendance including 4 visitors. Our visitors were Becky Rogers, Judy Matherne, Dennis Fields and G.V.S Reddy. Welcome visitors! Jim Eldridge, a member of both the Port Arthur Coin Club and the Beaumont Coin Club was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for the Beaumont Club by its President, Jerry Williams. Congratulations Jim from all of us at the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club! Jerry Williams announced that our November meeting will have to be moved to another date due to the November elections. He read off some dates that the County Building will be

available for us to use. There was some discussion as to what day would be the most favorable for most. We were unable to reach a decision and decided to table the matter until a later date. The Orange Coin Club Spring Show is scheduled for March 13 – 14 at the Beaumont Civic Center. There should be a good show of dealers with something for everyone. There will also be a Children's Auction at 2 PM on Saturday, so bring your kids, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Thanks to all who donated items for the Children's Auction! The Southeast Texas Coin and Collectibles Show is still on for September 18-19 at the Beaumont Civic Center. It will be sponsored again by the Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur and Silsbee Coin Clubs. In order to secure the Civic Center each club is required to post a \$200 deposit, which our club approved. A check was given to Jerry Williams by Morgan to put up our share of the deposit. The program of the month was a continuation of the video called "The Money Story". The video covered information on the U.S. Mint and The Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The first half of the video described the history of money and how it has changed over the years. The second half of the video showed the minting process from design of the coins and creating the dies to producing the planchets, making the rims and striking the coins.

Submitted by: Carlton Simmons - Secretary

Silsbee Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Silsbee Coin Club and the Beaumont Coin Club met jointly at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Beaumont DECEMBER 18. President Paula Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm., and Jerry Williams led pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Both clubs were represented by a large number of members and several visitors. This being our Club's annual Christmas Dinner, there was very little business conducted.

Awards for outstanding members of the Silsbee Club were presented to the following:

- (1) Paula Simmons – President's Medal for the years 2003 & 2004.
- (2) Emery Ledoux – Member of the Year Award.
- (3) Jack Provost – Lifetime Achievement Award. This was the first time this award has been given to anyone. Jack is a charter member of the Silsbee Coin Club.

President Paula Simmons called the JANUARY 26 meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Emery Ledoux. A large number of members were in attendance. We had one visitor and he was Michael Simmons, grandson of Paula Simmons.

Minutes for the December 18, 2003 meeting were approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented by Jack Provost.

Michael Simmons' request for membership in the Silsbee Coin Club was unanimously approved. We are pleased to have him join us.

Old Business:

- (1) VP Walt Lee said he still has openings for 2004 programs that need to be filled.
- (2) Barbara Williams said a one-day coin club show is scheduled for 02-14-2004 at the Clements High School in Sugar Land.
- (3) Orange Coin Show will be March 13 & 14, 2004.
- (4) 46th Annual TNA Coin Show May 14 – 16, 2004.
- (5) Beaumont Coin Show scheduled for September 17 & 18, 2004.
- (6) Dr. Dale Cummings said to just give him credit for year 2005 for free membership he had won. He had already paid for 2004 when our club had the drawing.

New Business: Committees for year 2004:

- (4) Nominating: Jerry Williams, Barbara Williams & Paula Simmons.
- (5) Awards: Jerry Williams, Emery Ledoux & James Fowler.
- (6) ANA Club Representative: Barbara Williams
- (7) TNA Club Representative: Jerry Williams
- (8) National Coin Week: Walt Lee, Paula Simmons & James Fowler
- (9) Christmas: Barbara Williams & Beulah Provost
- (10) Coin Show: Emery Ledoux, Jack Provost & Jerry Williams
- (11) Auctioneer & Tally Sheet: Emery Ledoux, Jerry Williams & Barbara Williams

Walt Lee read a note of acknowledgment and appreciation from St. John's Episcopal Church regarding our Club's donation of \$100.00 in December 2003. Barbara Williams invited the ladies to the Beaumont Christian Women's Club Meeting on 02-13-2004. Jerry will be giving a fifteen-minute talk on How to Start a Coin Collection. Break for a few minutes to view items for auction, and to enjoy refreshments furnished by Peggy Lee. The program was given by Emery Ledoux and Scott Boyd who attended the 49th F.U.N. Convention & Coin Show in Orlando, Fla. Jan. 1 – 11, 2004. They presented a very interesting program about the show and all the activities. Jerry Williams conducted an auction after which, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Betty Fowler.

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